



Year in Review

- Clearance rates were maintained well above the national average. Comparison of 2006 CID rates with most recent available national averages reveals:
 - CID clearance of violent crimes (murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault) is 72.4%, compared to national average of 45.5%
 - CID clearance of property crimes (burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft) is 25.3% compared to national average of 16.3%
- Grant renewal was successful for funding of a Violent Crimes Against Women investigator. This position will be funded through 2007.
- Acquired and outfitted a crime scenes investigations vehicle to enhance ability of officers at serious crime scenes to locate and preserve physical evidence.
- Made significant improvements in the ability of detectives in CID and Vice to analyze criminal intelligence for the purpose of enhancing investigations through training and the acquisition of specialized software. The software allows automated downloads of data from the Records Division database which greatly increase the amount of information available to detectives as well as the speed with which it can be accessed.
- The staffing levels remained the same in investigations. Increasing staffing levels continues to be a goal for the division.

Criminal Investigations Case Load			
	Assigned	Cleared	Clearance Rate
Abduction	1	1	100%
Burglary	169	28	17%
Check Crimes	137	175	128%
Grand Larceny	112	24	21%
Homicide	1	1	100%
Larceny	42	11	26%
Malicious Wounding	3	5	167%
Rape	12	9	75%
Robbery	11	5	45%
Sex Crimes (Other)	46	34	74%
Suicides	6	4	67%
Theft of Vehicle	24	9	38%
White Collar Crimes	204	127	62%
Other Offenses	142	82	58%
Totals	910	515	57%



Goals for 2007

- Maintain a clearance rate for criminal investigations higher than the national average clearance rate.
- Improve span of control for CID supervisors by adding a second Sergeant to CID. This Sergeant will directly supervise the Fraud Unit as well as working Fraud cases.
- Enhance the ability to investigate and prosecute identity fraud-related crimes by participating in a federal task force operating through the US Postal Inspectors Service.
- Continue to share information and intelligence concerning street gangs, fraud crimes, and other criminal activities with local, state, and federal investigators working in the Roanoke Valley area.
- Send a detective to attend the State Forensic Academy to receive advanced training in crime scene investigations.
- Send a detective to receive training for certification as a polygraph operator to aid in criminal investigations.



Crimes Against Women Unit

The Department assists female victims of violent crime under an ongoing Department of Criminal Justice Services V-STOP Grant. The Police Department has received this grant for the last 7 years. This grant has allowed the Department to assign one full-time detective to crimes such as sex crimes, stalking, domestic violence, threats, violation of protection orders and indecent exposure where the victim is female. This detective works closely with the Commonwealth Attorney's Victim/Witness Coordinator and other area resources. Educating the public about crimes against women is also one of the tasks assigned to the Unit.

Crimes Against Women Cases Investigated

